

Heceta Water People's Utility District

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Florence, OR 97439

June 10, 2025

Budget Committee Meeting

FY 2025-26

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wendy Rohner called the HWPUD Budget Committee Meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors: Wendy Rohner, Debby Todd, Vito Coviello, Frank Spencer and Dave Goss; Budget Members: Lanson Moles, Jerry Ward, Karen Sievers, and Wade Davenport; Secretary of Record, Brittany Hornung; GM/Budget Officer, Carl Neville; Administrative Assistant Cindy Spinner were present. Budget Member Alan Whiteside was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present and no public comment.

4. SELECTION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE OFFICERS

ACTION: Member Sievers nominated Debby Todd as the Budget Committee Chair. Member Goss seconded the motion. Members Rohner, Todd, Coviello, Spencer, Goss, Moles, Ward, Sievers, and Davenport voted aye. There were no nay votes.

ACTION: Member Spencer nominated Vito Coviello as the Budget Committee Vice Chair. Member Goss seconded the motion. Members Rohner, Todd, Coviello, Spencer, Goss, Moles, Ward, Sievers, and Davenport voted aye. There were no nay votes.

5. FY 2025-26 BUDGET

Chair Todd turned the meeting over to the Budget Officer GM Neville. GM Neville reported a change to the budget to add a ground penetrating radio (GPR). He stated the old GPR, purchased in 2009, needs repair but no longer supported. He stated the District used the GPR to complete locates and funds transferred from operating contingency. Member Spencer has requested spelling out acronyms used in the budget. He stated that he is in favor of the budget and the District has an outstanding crew from the GM down. Member Spencer noted the revenue in the last two years compared to the projection for this year, is increasing by 11.8%. He went on to note compensation is increasing at a much higher percentage than the incoming revenue using the same timeline comparison. GM Neville discussed the increases in part reflecting changes in positions in prior years. Member Todd noted that the Board has the opportunity to discuss the pay levels each year when COLA is presented. Member Davenport pointed out that the first two years are actual amounts and the third is projected budget amount not an accurate comparison and it may be beneficial to compare budget to budget amounts in the future. GM Neville pointed out there is a part time position included in the budget to cover for a 6 month shortage expected this year. Member Moles inquired if there are various levels of pay for positions. GM Neville explained there are 10 steps on the pay scale for each position and levels for each position with a 5% increase between steps. He stated an Operator can move from a level 1 to a level 2 which is a higher pay level.

ACTION: Member Rohner made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2025-26 budget and recommend presenting it to the Board of Directors on June 17, 2025 Budget Hearing. Member Coviello seconded the motion. Members Rohner, Todd, Coviello, Goss, Moles, Ward, Sievers, and Davenport voted aye. There were no nay votes. Member Spencer left the meeting before the Budget vote.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.